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February 15, 2000

Mr. Mark Wedemeyer Anne Arundel County Department of Planning and Code Enforcement 2664 Riva Road, MS 6303 Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Vincent H. Valentine Property

MS 00-026

Dear Mr. Wedemeyer:

I have received the above-reference subdivision request to create two lots in an Intensely Developed Area (IDA) with a shoreline mapped as a Buffer Exemption Area (BEA). This office has no objection to this proposal provided the County has ensured no variances to any Habitat Protection Areas will be required. I have outlined my comments below.

- 1) The site plan does not indicate the limits of the expanded Buffer for steep slopes. The County shall ensure the limits of the Buffer are shown on the plan.
- 2) While this site is afforded BEA status, we recommend the applicant maximize the distance between the shoreline the site of the proposed dwelling. This action would result in less mitigation required.
- Any new impervious areas that may be within in the Buffer, but no further waterward of the existing principal structure, shall be mitigated for on a 2:1 basis according to the County's Zoning Ordinance at §1A-109 (5). The County and the applicant should accommodate the required mitigation plantings on site and within the Buffer. It appears the Buffer on this lot can be greatly enhanced with any required mitigation plantings.
- 4) Appropriate stormwater and sediment and erosion control measures shall be taken at the time of development to ensure impacts to fish, plant and wildlife habitats are minimized.

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Since the subject property is located in an IDA, the applicant is required to address the 10% Pollutant Reduction Rule. If the calculations result in a negative pollutant reduction figure, the applicant still must address additional pollutant loadings. On residential lots we recommend additional plantings be installed on the property in those areas that receive stormwater flow. Given the topography of this property, we recommend the Buffer as a starting point, after the mitigation for Buffer impacts are accommodated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please telephone me if you have any questions or require additional information from this office concerning this subdivision request.

Sincerely,

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